

A Journalist's Retort.

A lawyer, having occupied a journalist's room one night, thought to make a joke at the expense of his host, and sent him the following lines:

"I slept in your bed last night,
When no other chance to be high,
How I thought as I tampered the editor's bed,
How easily editors lie."

The journalist was equal to the occasion, and, penning the following lines, sent them to the lawyer:

"I never slept in the editor's bed,
When no other chance to be high,
And I thought as I tampered the editor's bed,
How easily editors lie."

"The next night, as he lay on that bed,
What or who may say the editor had,
The thick-headedness of the editor's bed,
Was the thick-headedness of the law."

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The Tale of Two Travellers.

Ten weary, footsore travellers,
All in a woful plight,
Sought shelter at a wayside inn
One dark and stormy night.

"Nine miles—no more," the landlord said,
"Have you a fire?"

"Yes, I have," said the other.
"Where is it?"

"The candle-holders were here,
But the ninth must serve for two."

Alein arose. "The troubled host
Could only scratch his head;

For of three men no two

Could occupy one bed.

The candle-holders was soon at ease—

He was about to kiss his guests

This most ingenious plan:

HABUCIDE (Eight).

In room marked A two men were placed.

The third he lodged in B;

The fourth to C was then assigned—

The fifth retired to D;

In E the sixth he tucked away,

In F the seventh was :

The eighth and ninth in G and H,

An Indian to a horse!

Within the host, as I have said,

Had laid two travellers by,

Then taking one—the tenth and last,

He lodged him in I.

Nine single rooms—a room for each—

Were made to serve for ten,

And this is that puzzles me

And many wiser men.

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The Shady Side.

Philadelphia News.

Mrs. Brown, who is an elderly young woman, has come to the city for her health, and is occupying a parsonage, which Miss Brown said was useless and a piece of affection.

"I never carry a parson," she said.

"No," replied Miss Moore, "people on the shady side of life have no use for them."

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Love and Hard Cash in Dakota.

Sacramento Bee.

A young man of this country, whose girl went back on him and yet refused to give up the engagement, has sold her for \$1000. His father was the country agent for the firewood and coal oil that were burned in the parlor while the lovelornings were going on, for the meals that the young man ate at the house during his courtship, and for the fender and corn that was fed to his household during the same time. The case was decided in the old man's favor.

The first labor trouble for the season among saw mills broke out at the Oscoda and Au Sable, Mich., mills on Tuesday. All the mills are at a standstill.

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The Callous Witness.

"Do you know the prisoner well?" asked the attorney.

"Never knew him sick," replied the witness.

"No lively," said the lawyer sternly.

"Now, sir, did you ever see the prisoner at the bar?"

"Took many a drink with him at the bar."

"Answer my question, sir," yelled the lawyer. "How long have you known the prisoner?"

"From two feet up to five feet under,"

"Will the court make the?"

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